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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2308
INFO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA
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E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJ: U.S. LINES FURTHER DEFER DURBAN SURCHARGE

REF: DURBAN 0243

1. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE AUGUST 5 OF A FURTHER DEFERRAL, UNTIL SEPTEMBER 15, OF TEN PER CENT PORT SURCHARGE PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED BUT DEFERRED BY US/SOUTH AND EAST AFRICAN SHIPPING CONFERENCE. A US LINES SPOKESMAN, COMMENTING ON THE DEFERRAL, SAID CURRENT WAITING TIMES OF FOUR OR FIVE DAYS IN DURBAN'S OUTER ANCHORAGE WERE NOT PLEASANT BUT ACCEPTABLE; HE SUGGESTED AN INCREASE TO TEN DAYS WOULD PROVE FINANCIALLY TOO PAINFUL.

2. ANOTHER SPOKESMAN INFORMED CONGEN THAT US LINES WISH TO KEEP SURCHARGE "ON THE BOOKS" BECAUSE THEY FEEL IT INEVITABLY WILL HAVE TO BE INVOKED. SPOKESMAN OPINED THAT DURBAN HARBOR IS STRUGGLING TO HANDLE CURRENT LEVELS OF TRAFFIC AND THAT ONSET OF NEXT RAINS WILL PRODUCE LARGE AND UNACCEPTABLE BUILDUPS. (FROM CONGEN'S OBSERVATIONS, DAILY
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NUMBER OF SHIPS IN OUTER ANCHORAGE IS AVERAGING ABOUT TEN.)

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